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FOR: PEM FUEL CELL WITH IMPROVED :  
LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE, :  
METHOD FOR OPERATING A PEM :  
FUEL CELL AND PEM FUEL CELL :  
STORAGE BATTERY :

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure, applicants submit herewith references which may be material to the examination of the above-captioned application.

It is believed that no fee is due upon the filing of this information disclosure statement. However, in the event the undersigned is mistaken, and the Office requires additional fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any deficiency or credit any overpayment of the fees required by 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97-1.98 to the undersigned's Deposit Account, no. 03-2775. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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